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Cantrell Named National College Scholar Athlete

SJC senior is only Division II player to receive prestigious honor

by Don Shanahan

SJC senior Varon Cantrell was recently named the recipient of an honor no other NCAA Division II football player will receive this year. Each season, the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame announce a yearly class of the finest student-athletes in the country. Of the 2000 class of recipients, only one of 16 came from Division II. That deserving winner was SJC's own Varon Cantrell.

In receiving this prestigious honor, Cantrell joins a few familiar college football stars including Florida State University quarterback Chris Weinke and Purdue University quarterback Drew Brees. The award is given to those who exhibit exceptional academic perfor-

mance, stalwart leadership, superior football ability, and citizenship. Each recipient, including Cantrell, will be awarded an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship at the Foundation's 43rd Annual Awards Dinner held at the renowned Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 12.

"Pride is the biggest thing I feel," says Cantrell on being named the sole recipient for the nation at the Division II level. "To be the only one is a very proud thing for Saint Joseph's College, the team, and Division II." Cantrell credits SJC Sports Information Director Joe Danahey with helping him apply for this honor as well as other postgraduate scholarships.

With the scholarship, Cantrell plans to attend medical school near his hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana. He hopes to focus his medical career on the area of sports medicine.

Cantrell came to Saint Joseph's College from Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis and made an immediate and sustained impact on SJC. He is the son of Vaughn and Debra Cantrell.

Over the years, Cantrell has been a three-time letterman and captain in NCAA Division II football. He has played all over the field during the course of his Puma career, including the positions of wide receiver, quarterback, punt returner, and kick returner. At the end of his freshman year, he was the recipient of the David Rogers Memorial Award for Freshman of the Year. This year, he and



CANTRELL'S DILLIGENT WORK in the classroom and on the football field led to his selection as one of 16 National College Scholar Athletes. Photo by Heather Hagan

teammate Tim Flagg were named to the 2000 Verizon Academic All District V College Division Football Team. Cantrell is also a three-year member of the nationally ranked SJC track and field team under head coach Bill Massoels.

In the classroom, Cantrell is a Biology/Chemistry major with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8. In the spring of 2000, he was named Saint Joseph's College Senior of the Year, the prestigious honor granted each year by the Alumni Board. Cantrell has also been on multiple Dean's Lists, has been the Trustee's Natural Science Award winner and an Honors Scholarship recipient.

Outside the classroom, Cantrell is a man very focused on God and the community.

"The first person I thank for any suc-

cess I have is God," stated Cantrell. "He blesses me and gives me the abilities that I have. I wouldn't be here without him."

During his years at SJC, Cantrell has been involved with the Gospel Choir, the Campus Crusaders for Christ, and Bible Study Class. He has also worn the hats of a SUB member, a student representative, and president of the Minority Student Union.

When asked what this award means to him as an athlete and student, he responded, "With all the hard work and sacrifice I have put into my life so far, I was always hoping for a pat on the back—to be recognized. I never got one until now." He then added, "As a player, my career wasn't as good as it could have been because of injuries, but I still gave my best each time. Award or not, I am still proud of that. Younger players need to realize that. It's more than just being in sports. You have to lead in the classroom and elsewhere off the field. You can do that by putting God in your life."



VARON CANTRELL SPENDS a moment alone with God during a recent game. Photo by Don Shanahan

Cup O' Joe now back on track after slow start to year

by Nick Schafer

One of SJC's best kept secrets is the Cup O' Joe coffeehouse located in the chapel basement. Cup O' Joe is a place where students can go to relax and escape the rigors of everyday college life. But the coffee house has not been running at its usual capacity this year.

Many students have wondered why the seemingly popular coffee house has remained nearly inactive all year. Cup O' Joe treasurer John Palmisciano commented, "We have just had a hard time getting the ball rolling this semester. I hope that things will pick up after Thanksgiving break." President Richard Gallo added, "There has been a decrease in people's interest to volunteer this semester, and when Cup O' Joe has been open, the turnout has been very small."

Gallo stated that the coffeehouse is now open Monday-Thursday from 6-11 p.m.. "We are hoping that the performers will increase attendance," he commented. After the polls closed on election night (Tuesday, November 7) Cup O' Joe and SUB brought singer John Rush to perform at one of the few open nights of the year. A card tournament is also being planned for after Thanksgiving. In an effort to get the ball rolling, the coffeehouse, in conjunction with SUB, will be bringing Barbra Bailey Hutchinson to SJC to sing on December 8.

Palmisciano encourages SJC to not forget about Cup O' Joe. He also added that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the coffee house or wants to become a member of the board that elections will be held in January.



SINGER JOHN RUSH performs at the coffeehouse on Election Night. photo by Renee Simon

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Where's the Spirit?

—by Sharra Robertson—

There are many different ways to promote school spirit and get students excited about upcoming athletic competitions. Yet, at SJC there isn't too much going on to let people know that there are games or matches coming up. I personally believe that school spirit should be promoted around campus.

How do you think SJC should promote school spirit? My belief is that students need to get excited about the events and that more attention should be called to them. Maybe if people were better informed, then more students would show up at the games. What is your belief? Andrea Horst, had this to say about her experience of school spirit from high school. "I came from a high school that had tons of school spirit. For our homecoming football game, we had spirit week and got to decorate the cafeteria walls by classes (by this I mean the Seniors had a wall, Juniors, etc.). Of course the Seniors won the wall decorating every year. Also, during football season on Fridays, some guys would dress up in dresses or as action figures heroes- always something crazy. It made that time of year fun. SJC doesn't do that and I wish they did."

Sure we aren't in high school anymore, but these are fun ideas that could be modified to fit into the lives of SJC students.

Also, whatever happened to the idea of a pep rally or assembly? That alone will get students pumped for the upcoming game, will it not? It almost seems as if you have to drag people to an event or give them some sort of incentive in order to go. Now why is that? It shouldn't have to boil down to bribery.

For the most part, the athletes support each other and attend one another's events. However when it comes to plays, SUB events or activities put on by other clubs or organizations, the turnout is pretty low. I just don't know what the deal is. I understand that people work, have class and need time to socialize, but I thought that part of going to college was to support it and go to campus events. Maybe I'm wrong and I just want too much.

So, send us your ideas and opinions. Am I wrong? Do things just need to go on the way they are? We would like to know. So exactly where is the spirit, because I certainly don't see it.

Time for lecture!

—by Mandy Meyers—

There are many things that bother me here at St. Joe, and I'm going to pick a bone with one of them. I have a slight problem/aggravation when it comes to Core lectures. To set the record straight, most of us dislike going, but we still manage to get ourselves there. Now here's my question: What *time* do we get there? Okay, I understand if we wake up late and get to lecture at five after ten or nine, but it becomes a little ridiculous when students are still showing up at twenty after the hour. However it is even worse when professors show up later than students. They are the ones who tell us to be on time, yet they are just as guilty (if not more) for being late. What kind of example are they setting? In my opinion, stay home. Why bother if you're going to be that late and cause a ruckus; and you know you are.

Here's my next pet peeve. Why must people get up and leave lecture? I see the same people over and over getting

up to leave and then returning some ten minutes later. First of all, if it's to use the bathroom, can't that be done before lecture? Maybe I just don't understand. Or maybe it's because I don't want to make a scene. Can't you just wait? Most of us are 20 and 21 and we can't sit still for 50 minutes? Come on now.

I guess the reason this bothers me so much is because I know if I were giving a lecture I would be pretty upset. While I'm trying to speak I see a few kids rolling in fifteen minutes after I've started. Five minutes after that I see a colleague of mine walking in. Then people are leaving to use the bathroom. When they come in everyone is looking to find out who just came in, rather than focusing on what I am saying.

This just boils down to respect. If you can't handle sitting still and not leaving or coming late, then just don't come. It's really not fair to the person who is giving lecture. You wouldn't want that kind of behavior if you were standing up there trying to speak, now would you?

And from the puma rumor mill...

—by Mandy Meyers—

We've all been through it, and it's usually unfair and a pain in the butt. Most of us are unsatisfied and want to know how we got the number we did. If you haven't guessed what I'm talking about, it's the ever-dreaded room lottery.

So exactly how does this lottery work, one might ask. To be quite honest I don't really know. However there has been talk to update the system so that rooms will be chosen fairly. This new method would be based on your GPA (grade point average). So if you've got a 4.0 you've got nothing to worry about, but those who are carrying a 2.5 or lower may have to keep their fingers crossed.

Is this fair? In many ways it is and it is not. First of all, the system that they use now isn't really benefiting anyone. But if we were to go by GPA's it's an incentive for those who've worked hard. There is really no reward here for those who have demonstrated outstanding grades, but now there will be. Now everyone will know how he or she got their number for their room.

My question though is what does

your GPA have to do with where you live on campus? I'm not in favor of this proposed idea nor am I against it; I just want to know the connection. If there is a need for a new method to make everyone happy, let the students pick their own numbers. What I mean is that no one really knows how he or she get their number. We just know it's a lottery and a machine picks them. Instead have every class come at a certain time to the ballroom. Sitting on the table would be a box with slips of paper and numbers written on them. Then let every student go and pick a number from the box. This may sound very child like, but at least people will only have themselves to blame if they pick a low number.

This is just a proposed idea I've heard running through the puma rumor mill. However if you want your voice to be heard on this issue, it is up to you to contact your dorm governor or any one of the Student Association officers. Email me (mme2712@saintjoe.edu) with your thoughts on the subject and I will print your opinions. I want to know if you think this is fair or unfair. You make the call.

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your turn

Is there enough puma pride at SJC?

"When I started teaching here years ago many more students attended sporting events and extracurricular activities. In fact, our fieldhouse was nicknamed the "House of Noise" because it was so loud during men's basketball games that opposing teams couldn't hear. Students used to bring in 50-gallon barrels and pound on them constantly throughout the games. Nobody liked playing here because of the noise. I don't believe that happens anymore."

-- Professor Fred Berger

"Yes, SJC needs more school spirit. Maybe we could have a spirit week during homecoming, Little 500, not just football. We need more student and professor interactive involvement."

-- Katie Medvescek

"I don't think school spirit here is very strong. I think if sporting events were more widely known more people would go. It shouldn't be just a team thing."

-- Corey Kiger

Many people find it easiest to do the easiest things, which are to watch tv or a video. Students who rouse themselves to join a live audience at a live event seem to find it worth their while, but getting them there is a big step. That isn't just a problem on campus, but a nationwide trend. We're cutting ourselves off from the fun of joining a crowd, and the excitement of not knowing if what we're watching will be tv-camera-perfect.

-- Professor Heidi Rahe

CORRECTION

In the article "Resident Assistants face challenging year" in the November 3 issue of *The Observer*, Stacey Lazenby was incorrectly identified as the Vice President for Student Development. She is actually Assistant Vice President for Student Development. *The Observer* regrets the error.

Do you have an opinion on something that you would like to see printed in the Observer? Send it to Opinion Editor Mandy Meyers at mme2712@saintjoe.edu. We want to hear from you!

Spirit of Kairos welcomes all

by Sara Post
and Nick Schafer

During the weekend of October 26th, a group of twenty-one hesitant students reluctantly boarded the ever so popular Puma Bus for a three-day weekend of they knew not what. Three days later these same twenty-one students returned to campus, this time with reluctance to get OFF the bus.

So what did those three days hold for the twenty-one Pumas? Like so many SJC students before them, this group created their Kairos experience. They spent three days and nights in "God's Time." Although the specifics of the Kairos retreat cannot be divulged because of its personal nature, the experience's uniqueness must be perceived

from a personal perspective.

The Kairos retreat provides students with a chance, and more importantly the time, to reflect on their lives and relationships with both God and others.

The Kairos team provided a quiet and peaceful atmosphere which encouraged camaraderie amongst the retreatants and a strong spirit of sharing.

Since the Kairos retreat is really a personal endeavor, the spirit of the weekend can only be measured by what the participants gained from the experience. If you're still uncertain if you would like to take part in the unique experience of Kairos, the box on the right contains some of the participants' thoughts on their Kairos experience.

My Kairos experience...

"Kairos was an unforgettable experience. I really recommend that everyone goes. It is a really good chance to make new friends and to step away from our daily lives. One thing I shared with everyone is that no matter what the situation is, remember to let go and let God."

Maribel Licea '02

"It was really awesome because I not only got to make new relationships with other people, but I also got to strengthen my relationship and commitment to God."

Dannielle Pruett '04

"Kairos was an experience that helped me find out who my friends were. It was a great weekend and I would recommend that everyone make their Kairos before they graduate."

Michael Dougherty '04

"Kairos was one of those times when you really come to grips with yourself and your relationships with other people, not least of all God. My Kairos experience had such an impact on my life that I can only urge everyone to take the time to make this retreat. You won't regret it."

Patrick W. Smith '03

Students, faculty match wits in game of Jeopardy

By Beth Bly

On Monday November 6th the SIFE students put on a Jeopardy game show event in the Courtney auditorium.

Organized by junior Polly Rainey, the night was very professional as well as exciting. David McNelis, who played the role of Alex Trebec, designed the game's web program – gaining rave reviews from contestants and audience members alike. The participants found the competition friendly but fierce. Stacey Lazenby and Mark Seely competed for the Saint Joe faculty while students Mike Potts and Derek Dabrowiak represented the students.

The Jeopardy categories were biased towards business and finance, due to the event's organizers. All of the contestants claimed the finance categories were tough. Dr. Seely even admitted, "I had difficulty in the credit card category – despite the fact that I own four!" Dabrowiak was the game's winner. Excited about his win, he said that, "It felt just like being on television! I can't wait to do it again!" However, the third place contestant, Lazenby, poked fun at Dabrowiak's win stating, "Derek's quote as being the 'smartest man alive' was a stretch to say the least! He got lucky and swept the sports category – we'll see if he's that lucky next time!" Maybe she is just jealous that the students defeated the staff? Mike Potts has dreams of being on Jeopardy one day and with such an impressive student victory maybe both he and Derek have a chance. At the very least they will have an opportunity for a rematch next year. SIFE did an excellent job organizing the event - the student turnout was impressive and everyone involved had a wonderful evening.

RIGHT: Comedian Spanky performed Wednesday November 8th at 8PM outside Core XI. The event, which was sponsored by SUB, turned out to be a fun night for all.

NATIONAL NEWS: Could on-line voting have prevented the Florida election nightmare?

— Courtesy of MSNBC News —

The state of siege caused by this undecided election is all the proof we need that America must find a new way of casting ballots. And that new way should somehow involve the Internet.

There are plenty of reasons why voting online isn't yet ready for primetime. It could provide a field day for teen-age hackers and terrorists, for one thing, and the Internet isn't yet in every home. But Tuesday night was a reminder that exit polls are just one scientific notch over a crystal ball and the current voting systems aren't necessarily prime-time material, either. While the TV pundits were hoo-hahing, apologizing, and pontificating all over again on Tuesday night — not to mention all day Wednesday — and contemplated the nefarious Palm Beach "butterfly ballot," visions of voting on the Web have been dancing in my head. For several hundred military personnel who live around the world, those visions became a reality in the Bush/Gore contest.

A special pilot program allowed members of the military who are registered in five U.S. locations to cast bal-

lots from computers using special, secure software. If you were stationed overseas you wouldn't have bothered with paper absentee ballots. The Federal Voting Assistance Project is a federal program charged with making it clear to Americans living overseas that they understand how to cast ballots and obtain voting information. After the last federal election in 1996, the Project identified the Net as a possible boon to overseas voting.

Then, last December, in a memo titled "Electronic Government," the White House commissioned a one-year study of the feasibility of Internet voting. As part of that investigation, just last month, a conference was convened featuring social scientists, government officials, technical people, and others just generally interested in the notion of online voting.

Of course online voting is a ways down the road, but let's hope on the heels of this election mania that we've experienced this time around that something approximating it will soon come into existence. The White House study of online voting and other experiments are just the beginning; there has got to be a better way for we as a people to come

together. How would you envision it working? Or are you one of those people who favors an old-fashioned ballot process a la the hit summer show "Survivor"?

If you are, you might be interested in reading about the origins of something that's really old-fashioned: the origins of the electoral college. No discussion of the mechanics of an election in the Internet age would be complete without a quick acknowledgement of the ironies of progress. One explanation on the Jackson County Missouri election board page: It turns out our forefathers created it to compensate for the fact that they lived in a world where travel and mass communication were hardly the norm, and where politicians didn't politic — since it was seen as unbecoming. The electoral college procedures, therefore, kept the balance of power out of the hands of the most populous states. Think about it: if there was a direct vote, the guy from Massachusetts would invariably beat the guy from Rhode Island time and again. That we're now contemplating votes via a global computer network shows just how much things have changed since then.



Gallagher Charitable Society sponsors Christmas party for underprivileged children

by Nichole Workman

Well folks, that time of the year is just around the corner. Soon homes will be aglow with Christmas lights and the ground will be covered with snow. Most of all, eager children will be anticipating a visit from Santa Clause. Unfortunately, not all families are as well off as others, and this leaves some children with little to look forward to for Christmas.

However, this year needy children from the Rensselaer area will have the opportunity to visit Santa. Thanks to the Gallagher Charitable Society here at Saint Joseph's College, over 200 children from the Rensselaer area have been invited to a Christmas party at the college. There will be a variety of fun activities including brunch, arts and crafts, and pictures with Santa. Father Stang will also be giving away used toys that he has collected.

Officers Adam Smith, Amanda Harrington, Timothy Clark, and Wendy Sidener head the Gallagher Charitable Society. Around 75 SJC students are needed to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering for this wonderful cause should pick up a form from Earnest Watson's office or email Tim Clark at tce2558@saintjoe.edu

“We Lost a Baby, But Gained an Angel”: *Egan family sponsors memorial banquet*

by Melissa Genova

The family of James Egan has been associated with SJC for twenty years; his son, Jim Egan, is currently a junior at SJC, and his daughter Kelly Egan-Pater graduated the College in 1997. Now, these Pumas need some help from Saint Joe.

The family was recently hit with tragedy when Kelly's son (Jim's nephew) was diagnosed with a rare form of DiGeorge disease that the infant could not conquer, leaving behind his mom, dad, and his two year old sister, Alison. The family sponsored a benefit on Saturday, November 11 in memory of little Kevin James Pater to help pay for medical bills.

Kevin James Pater (known as K.J. to his family) was born with Preliminary Arch, which means he was born with a hole in his heart. Surgery was put on hold as the infant constantly suffered from staph infections. Eventually, he had the surgery done on his heart, which drastically improved his condition. However,

he was soon diagnosed with DiGeorge disease. This caused his T-Cell count, (those which fight infection) to become low; soon family discovered that he wasn't producing any. K.J. was transferred to North Carolina for a Thalamus transplant, but the transplant could not be put into effect once it was found that T-Cells were still present in K.J. When the infant returned home, his condition worsened. K.J. passed away at the age of six months.

Before K.J. passed away, the family discussed having a banquet to help pay for the thousands of dollars accumulated in medical bills. It was held at St. Christina Grammer School on November 11. "It went well," said Lynn Rainey, a close friend of the family. "There were so

many people. There were four pages of people who donated food, money, and raffle prizes like DVD players, golf equipment." Saint Joseph College donated \$200 to support the family.

The success of the benefit was not surprising to the family, but the support of friends made the tragedy easier for the family to cope with. "The family got tremendous support from the family and the community. Everyone wanted to help out," said Jim Egan.

Kevin and Kelly Pater included a passage in the programs at the banquet expressing their gratitude to the community and love of their son. "Life without Kevin is incomplete. He will always serve as an inspiration to us because he fought to the end. We must keep our faith strong and try to understand God's

intention. And always remember that we did lose a baby; but we gained an angel."

The passing of K.J. Pater has effected the family and friends alike. "It would change anyone's life. It proves that you're not invincible and at any time you are susceptible to anything," said Rainey.

K.J.'s family is grateful for all the support that they received from the community.

"The family got tremendous support from the family and the community. Everyone wanted to help out."

-Jim Egan

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“My Home Away From Home” *An SJC student talks about his tough transition from freshman year to sophomore year*

by Calvin Metts

It's been a year and nearly four months since I ventured out of the comfortable confines of Chicago and into the rural town of Rensselaer. If you told me three years ago that I would be here at Saint Joe, I probably would have laughed, considering the fact that I never even heard of the College before senior year. In fact, throughout high school, I planned to attend Michigan State University. So, you ask, why did I end up here?

Honestly, that answer is still a surprise to me. After spending most of high school preparing myself to be a resident of Michigan for the next four years, I changed my mind halfway through my senior year. The main reason for that decision was because I didn't just want to become another number on the enrollment list of a major university. I guess this was partly because I have always attended small schools and I prefer to know people on a more personal level. That knocked out two of my other choices of colleges, bringing Saint Joe and Hope College to the top of my list. Why not Hope College? Mainly because they pursued me because they wanted to increase the number of minority students on their campus, making me once again feel like another number, which I always

hated. So that brought me here.

After spending a little over a year here, I finally feel at home. I have everything that anyone could have ever wanted from college life: a girlfriend, a close group of friends and roommates that I can't help but get along with. What more could a sophomore in college hope for? Although things here couldn't be better now, it was a hard struggle to get myself to this point. There were many times last year when I just wanted to pack my stuff up and move back home to Chicago. But I guess everyone goes through the whole "I hate this place" stage. It's only after we feel we find a comfort zone that we stop thinking about leaving. Well, that didn't happen for me until my second semester freshman year, when I started to hang out with my 1st floor Gally buddies and many other close friends. That's the point at which this small campus of nearly nine hundred people became my "home away from home".

This year, unlike the last one, I spend most of my time hanging out in my own dorm and dorm room. Last year, my focus was mainly on partying and having fun. This year, however, I'm trying to concentrate on my studies, and only occasionally I'll make an appearance at a party in the "Red Light District". After all, my parents are spending loads of money for me to come here and I finally

decided to stop wasting it by stirring up trouble and earning unneeded "Puma Rumors". I've chosen to instead take part in a few Columbian Player productions and also to play in the SJC band.

One of the only problems that I have at SJC are the unwarranted and ridiculous dorm fines, and the rampant theft and vandalism found on 1st floor of Gallagher Hall. Over the last two months things have gotten pretty pathetic, mainly for two reasons. First of all, someone ripped a sink out of the wall in the handicapped washroom. Second, some people feel the need to steal signs off walls that are adjacent to rooms and to knock down dry erase boards. Outside of these two things, I can't really say that I have any objections with SJC.

After I leave SJC in a little over two years with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Communications and Theater Arts, I plan to enlist in the Air



SJC SOPHOMORE Calvin Metts has become accustomed to life at SJC since his freshman year.
photo by Renee Simon

Force. Once there I plan to pursue a career in the J.A.G. program. When I'm out of the Air Force I plan to revamp Rensselaer, turning this place into a real "college town". After that I plan to get married, have a few kids and retire at the ripe old age of forty. Then I plan to pretty much play things by ear. The education that I receive at Saint Joseph's College will definitely help me achieve the goals I have planned for my future.



Puma Profile: A Closer Look at Christine Zerbst

New SJC employee boogies into Residence Life

by Susan Huss

She's been all over. From smalltown Michigan to Houston. This woman's not afraid to make a move. But for now, she's chosen Rensselaer as her home of choice.

Christine Zerbst, the new Director of Residence Life, has taken over. The newest resident of Halas Hall, she's the mastermind behind the programs for dorms, such as pizza parties and alcohol awareness talks, and is in charge of the resident assistants.

"We're encouraging the programing aspect and we've gotten a lot of funding for it," Zerbst said. "We had a door decorating contest in Justin Hall with prizes. I'd like to give floors more opportunities to get together."

Zerbst, who found her new job at Saint Joe on the internet, says she's not afraid to make a big move by herself, as she did when she moved from her hometown in Michigan to Texas.

"I like the independence of my job," she said. "It's not very stable because a lot of things change. You have to be out there meeting students, and I find that it's a lot of fun here."

"I'd like to give floors more opportunities to get together."

-Christine Zerbst

Zerbst said that if she could make one addition to campus, it would be a theater with current movies. As for now, she agrees that having a dance club in Justin Hall's basement would be a good idea.

"I think it's a good opportunity," she said. "It'll give people a chance to get together, socialize, and just boogie."

Her college years proved to be a good experience for Zerbst, who attended Northern Michigan University. She was able to meet President Carter and stayed the night at his peanut ranch.

"[My best college memory is of] my friend and I and the things we did," Zerbst said. "Just to

be able to get to classes. It was so different. We belonged to student government and the radio station."

Zerbst has other interests as well. She likes to read and run and enjoys a variety of music, from the oldies to Madonna and Marc Anthony. She's also going back to school for her masters. But if she could take a vacation, it would be to Australia.

"[Australia] seems like it's warm and the wild life is so different than anything we've ever experienced here,"



CHRISTINE ZERBST is the new Director of Residence Life at Saint Joe. She attended college at Northern Michigan University, and describes herself as a risk taker. She resides in Halas Hall. *photo by Renee Simon*

Zerbst said.

And who knows, Zerbst, who sees herself as a risk taker, might just make it to Australia.

"I moved half way across the country by myself to basically start a new life," she said. "I'm the independent sort who likes to take risks and jump out there to do it."

At the Movies With Don:

Redford's *Bagger Vance* is More Than Up to Par

by Don Shanahan

Some movies make things you think are ordinary or boring, look so heroic, so exciting, or so romantic that you want to experience the same sensation that the characters on screen are feeling. For example, *Ghost* will make you want to rub clay. *Field of Dreams* will make you want to play catch with your dad again. *The Man From Snowy River* will make you want to ride horses and *Backdraft* will have you itching to become a fireman.

Sports movies in particular seem to have that effect. There's something about the idea of getting outside and playing, the skill and focus involved, or the camaraderie of being part of a team that the medium of film captures so well. The beauty shown sucks you in, whether you like the sport or not. Who didn't feel the sense of heroic achievement and excitement after watching *Rudy* or *8 Seconds* or the recent *Remember the Titans*?

Director and legendary actor Robert Redford has done this before. *The Natural* made baseball look like poetry while *A River Runs Through It* made fly fishing the place to learn life's lessons. Redford has done it again, this time with the sport of golf with *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, which opened in theaters November 3rd.

In every inspirational sports movie, the characters are up to much more than sport. There's a human story in every one of these movies. Told through the eyes of a narrator who was there for it all, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* follows a fallen hero who is thrust back into

the game and the life he lost touch with after tragedy with the help of a spiritual guide.

That hero is Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon of *Good Will Hunting*), who was the greatest golfer in Savannah, Georgia until the horrors he encountered in World War I changed him into a gambling drunk. Lost in that wake as well was the woman he loved, Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron of *The Cider House Rules*). A daughter of the Savannah upper class crushed by the Great Depression, she must find a way to save her father's legacy of a beautiful golf course from closing. With some "creative" negotiation, she sponsors a \$10,000 exhibition tournament between the best golfers of the day, Bobby Jones and Walter Hagan, with old flame Junuh as the local third wheel.

The problem is that Junuh has lost his swing. Enter the mysterious Bagger Vance (a spotlight-restrained Will Smith). He comes out of the nowhere one night and offers to help the lost Junuh. Also there to help is our narrator, a young boy named Hardy (J. Michael Moncrief) who grew up to the stories of Junuh's golf dominance. Together they help give Junuh the chance to beat the invincible Hagan and Jones and learn about the love and life he forgot after WWI.

While the acting is very good (especially Smith who puts his charisma into subtlety rather than explosiveness), this is all Robert Redford's doing. Whether it's *A River Runs Through It* or *The Horse Whisperer*, he specializes in making movies like this look as pretty as a country postcard or museum painting. Every shot is a portrait all itself. Every action or movement has artistic purpose. Your senses come alive, as the light is soft and you can almost smell the mist and fresh cut

grass. The mystical tone of the story makes everything look meaningful and calculated. Because of his eye for making things gorgeous, I find his past movies irresistible to watch and *The Legend of Bagger Vance* is no exception.

Golf, as a sports fan, is one sport I cannot personally get into other than at the "miniature" level. People call it the most addictive of all sports, but I feel more frustration than solace when I try and swing a club. Watching the newest cinematic foray of fairways and greens, *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, just about changed my mind about golf.

It wasn't because the movie and the golf looked so good, but because of the lessons the movie taught along the way. Every one of the main characters finds himself or herself, thanks to spiritual guidance. Like the John Coffey character in *The Green Mile*, Bagger Vance is really an analogy for a God coming out of mystery to guide and teach the lost. Junuh faces what he refused to remember. Adele finds her heart. Hardy learns for the future.

Because of all that, the movie made golf look more than just a game. It made it into an important life experience and a place to find yourself. If you have a sentimental place in your heart for golf or want to appreciate the sport more, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* is right up your fairway.





FALL SPORTS

Puma Football Finishes 2000 with 2-8 Record

Without a doubt, 2000 was a rough year for the Puma football team. Being an independent team without a conference, it is always tough to field a schedule of suitable teams. All of the opponents this year, save two, were nationally ranked in some way or another through the course of the season. Despite being split by a bye week, the last two games and opponents of the season on the road were a strong testament to that.

First, Pumas faced NCAA Division I-AA powerhouse, the University of Dayton Flyers. After a bye week, the Pumas' last game of the season took them to Georgetown, KY to face the Georgetown Tigers, the undefeated #2 NAIA team in the nation. As a young team and a team battered by key injuries all year, these two teams were too much for the Pumas. Dayton blanked the Pumas 47-0 and Georgetown commanded a 55-16 win.

The offense just didn't have it the Saturday they pulled into Welcome Stadium in Dayton, Ohio to face the Flyers. The senior triumvirate backfield of Desmond Fletcher, Ricky McCray, and Darius Barker were all held to under 60 yards rushing each. Scrambling part-time quarterback, sophomore Justin Slais, was the ground leader in the losing effort posting 62 yards on 15 carries. Senior defensive end Gil Murillo anchored the defensive effort with a fine game all over the field. The Panamanian nightmare had eight solo tackles, one sack for five yards loss, and one blocked kick.

After a bye week, the coach buses of Cliff Hall, Inc. carried the team to Georgetown College, the training camp home of NFL's Cincinnati Bengals and the native home of the Georgetown Tigers. The seniors, in particular, knew that this would

be their last chance to win and possibly play spoiler on an undefeated Tiger season. After a stellar first quarter, the score was tied at 6-6 after both teams traded scores and blocked point after attempts. The Puma touchdown came on a run from senior Desmond Fletcher. The tide unfortunately changed after the first quarter for the rest of the game. The Tigers surged after three scores in the second quarter making it 27-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, the offense gathered enough field position at one point for an Adam Wyman field goal towards the end of the third quarter. However, the Tigers kept on rolling and the Pumas could never catch up. Even with a late Ron Mason touchdown catch, the final score read 55-15. For the defense, Tim Flagg and James Perkins each had six tackles in the loss.

Despite the lackluster record, this season was highlighted by a great many individual and team accolades. At the beginning of the season, four Pumas, sophomore wide receiver Ron Mason, sophomore center Joe Williams, senior linebacker Tim Flagg, and senior safety Montell Pace were all named pre-season All-Americans by the Don Hanson National Weekly Football Gazette.

By far, the most decorated Pumas were Flagg and senior wide receiver Varon

Cantrell. On the field, Flagg was consistently in the top 25 in the nation in tackles in the second half of the season while Cantrell hovered in the Top 15 in punt return average for most of the year. As a team, the Pumas were frequently ranked as one of the top run offense teams in NCAA Division II.

In addition to the Don Hanson team, Tim Flagg was also named to the 2000 USA Football Preseason All-American Honorable Mention Team. Later in the season, Tim picked two more honors. First, Mr. Flagg was the National Player of the Week for October 7th by Don Hanson's National Football Weekly Football Gazette after his twenty tackle performance against Quincy University. Secondly, Tim Flagg was named to the 2000 Verizon Academic All-District V College Division Football Team, with teammate Varon Cantrell.

Along with the Verizon honor alongside Tim Flagg, Varon Cantrell also picked up two more very prestigious awards as the season carried on. In a carryover from the 1999-2000 year, Varon was named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar by The Black Issues in Higher Education. Most prestigious of all, though, Mr. Cantrell was lone Division II football athlete in the entire country named to the class of 2000 College Football Scholar-Athletes by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.



HEAD COACH TOM RIVA draws up play adjustments for his offense skill players (Lewis Scott, Darius Barker, Desmond Fletcher, Haven Mosley, Karl Jackson, and Ron Mason) *Photo by Don Shanahan*

Cross-Country 10th and 15th at NCAA Regionals

This fall's most successful fall sports teams, the men and women's cross country teams, completed their season at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional meet hosted by Ashland University. Under the guidance of head coach Bill Massoels, the SJC men finished a respectable 10th place out of the twenty-team field. On the women's side, the Lady Pumas came away with a 15th place finish in their 18-team competition. The eventual champions were Hillsdale College in the men's division and Northern Michigan in the women's field.

The men's team put up 284 points with their tenth place finish. As he had done all season, senior Jared Weller paced the Puma men. He was the team's highest placer, finishing 32nd. The women, in the meantime, tallied a score of 363 points. Freshman Jaymi Hartzler was the

female leader of the pack at Ashland with a 54th place finish.

The NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional meet concluded a record-breaking year for SJC cross country. The final men's record was 55-33 while the women went 69-20. Those 55-win and 69-win finishes set school records in victories in a season for both teams. The men's team was comprised of two seniors, four juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman. Senior Jared Weller was the standout, leading the team in every race but one. The senior's highest finish was a 9th place contribution at the Little State Intercollegiate meet. That record-breaking men's team is listed below in class, hometown, and best finish.

Jared Weller, SR (Garrett, IN), 9th Little State

Derek Serna, SR (Munster, IN), 36th- Benedictine
Tim Newman, JR (Bridgeview, IL), 15th- Benedictine
Matt Stout, JR (LaGrange, IN), 20th- Benedictine
Dan Westphal, JR (Michigan City, IN), 31st- Benedictine
Ben Zimmer, JR (Rensselaer, IN), 47th- GLVC
Kevin Moeller, SO (Des Plaines, IL), 50th- Taylor
Roman Rodriguez, FR (Bolingbrook, IL), 54th- GLVC

The women had a senior-less, all Hoosier-bred team of three juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen. Freshman Alexis Virtue, in her rookie season, led all but two of the meets for the team. Her highest finish was a stellar third

place at the Benedictine University Invitational. That record-breaking women's team is listed below in class, hometown, and best finish.

Sarah Flory, JR (Delphi, IN), 9th- Taylor
Teresa Gaura, JR (St. John, IN), 20:25- Benedictine
Shana Wyatt, JR (Greenfield, IN), 21st- Taylor
Dani Ramirez, SO (Highland, IN), 22nd- Taylor
Darci Ramirez, SO (Highland, IN), 31st- Benedictine
Maria Toledo, SO (Merrillville, IN), 10th- Taylor
Jaymi Hartzler, FR (Rochester, IN), 8th- Benedictine
Alexis Virtue, FR (Chesterton, IN), 3rd- Benedictine

Jared Weller Repeats as Academic All-American

Speaking of cross-country honors, senior men's cross country runner Jared Weller was designated an Academic All-American by the 2000 National Cross Country Coaches Association. This is the second consecutive year that Mr. Weller has received this accolade.

Qualifying for this honor meant that Jared had to meet two qualifications. First, he had to finish in the top 30% of the field at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional meet. Jared finished in 32nd place, well within that top 30%. Sec-

ondly, Weller had to have at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average. Jared, a Biology/Chemistry major here at Saint Joseph's College, met that standard as well.

Jared Weller, a native of Garrett, IN, led the Puma men's cross country in finish every meet but two over the course of this past 2000 season. Weller's season best finish came at the Little State Intercollegiate, hosted by Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. In addition to Little State, here is how Jared

and the team finished in each of the team's meets this season:

Taylor University—15th (Team 6th)
Little State Intercollegiate—9th (Team 8th)
Lakefront University—94th (Team 20th)
Benedictine University—10th (Team 3rd)
GLVC Conference Championships—26th (Team 8th)
NCAA Great Lakes Regional—

32nd (Team 10th)

Weller was the key force for Coach Bill Massoel's 55-33 team. That 55-win team went on this season to post a new school record in victories. Also worthy of recognition, the team was nationally ranked within the NCAA Division Great Lakes Region on three occasions during the season.

Congratulations, Jared!

END WRAP UP

by
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Puma Volleyball Win Last Two In Cliffhanger Fashion

The common goal of any team at the end of its season it seems, whether good or bad, is to go out on a positive note. Going into their final weekend of the season, the Lady Puma volleyball team was 10-18 overall with a dismal 1-13 record within the GLVC. Having missed the cut for the conference tournament, the team was playing for pride and for their three departing seniors, Katie Carroll, Nancy Giovingo, and the injured Traci Wall. Not many gave the team a chance in their final homestand against two very good teams, Northern Kentucky and Indianapolis. Low and behold, the Lady Pumas pulled out two thrilling and nail-biting upsets.

The first stunner came on Friday night against Northern Kentucky University, the #12 team in the nation. The Lady Pumas started off very sour, losing the first two games, 9-15 and 6-15, which put them on the brink of elimination. After that, the stands in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse be-

gan to clear out. In marvelous fashion, those people missed an incredible comeback in the next three games. Guided by Jill Ryan's 20 kills and 20 digs, the Lady Pumas won all three elimination games by scores of 15-13, 15-9, and 15-10 to knock off the #12 team for, by far, their biggest win of the season. Along with Jill Ryan's scoring, Julie Ryan aided the defense with 6 big blocks.

The team carried the same magic the very next afternoon for Senior Day against the University of Indianapolis. In a day that honored Katie, Nancy, Traci, and their families, the team wouldn't go out on a losing note. Fueled by their big win the night before, the Pumas won another five-game thriller over the Greyhounds. Jill Ryan led the team again with a spectacular performance of 26 kills. Senior Katie Carroll made her last hurrah a good one with 26 digs, while Julie Ryan added eight blocks.

Sophomore Jill Ryan's incredible play over the two-win weekend garnered



PUMA VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS participate in warm-ups before the big game.
Photo by Traci Wall

her GLVC Player of the Week honors. During the final week, Ryan had 71 kills, a .276 hitting percentage, 4 aces, 2 solo blocks, 4 assisting blocks, 54 digs, and 34 assists.

The Lady Pumas, under first year coach Greg Reitz, ended the year with a 12-18 overall record and a 3-13 conference record in the GLVC, a season which was highlighted by these two last and big wins and a consolation championship at the Ashland University Huntington Bank Clas-

sic.

Season statistical leaders for the Pumas included Jill Ryan's team highs in kills (380), hitting percentage (.236), and service aces (39). Other season leaders were junior Kati Conlon for her 789 assists, Katie Carroll's 394 digs, and Julie Ryan's 21 solo blocks and 61 assisting blocks.

Ward and Cox Lead Soccer Teams to Finish

Our final sport of the "Fall Sports Wrap Up" is Saint Joseph's College NCAA Division II intercollegiate soccer. Both teams, men and women, were in transition years. For the men, it was a new coach at the helm and a new direction. For the women, it was rebounding from losing a stellar senior class from 1999. The Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Field was the staging point for two very respectable seasons for SJC soccer.

With the men's soccer team, this was the first year for new coach and 2000 SJC alum Rob Burns. Through excellent recruiting and a fresh focus, the team had a turnaround year with a final record of 7-10-1. That record was good enough for a seventh place tie in the GLVC. Having lost the head-to-head competition tiebreaker to fellow seventh place team, Indianapolis, earlier in the year, the Pumas were a win away from making the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Collectively, the men's soccer team

averaged 1.56 goals a game. On the defensive side, the Pumas gave up an average of 2.44 goals a game. Goalkeepers Matt Meier, a Wisconsin native freshman, and Pat Francescon, an Indy-bred junior, held the net for the Pumas. Meier chalked up 93 hand-busting saves over the course of 15 games played, three of which were shutouts. Over those 15 games, Meier gave up 30 goals calculating into a 2.27 goals against average. Francescon played in nine games and made 23 saves while allowing only a stingy 12 goals (2.29 goals against average).

On offense, the scoring was split between young and old. Senior T.J. Ward, a defender/midfielder who calls Tampa, FL home, led the team with 14 points and six goals. Backing him up and setting him up on offense was freshman Missouri newcomer, Joe Burns, who recorded a team-high five assists. Ward was the most decorated men's soccer player over the course of the year. During the stretch run of mid-late October,

T.J. was named GLVC Player of the Week. At the end of the year, T.J. was named to the second team All-GLVC, the lone Puma representative.

The men's team loses four seniors to graduation after the season: Josh Kotowski (Chicago, IL), Greg Peters (Toledo, OH), Matt Norton (Naperville, IL), and T.J. Ward (Tampa, FL).

The women's 2000 Lady Puma soccer team, under head coach Camie Bechtold in her second year, did accomplish post-season play breaking into the GLVC tournament to play the host team of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Despite Heather Budenz saving nine of 11 shots on goal, the team unfortunately left the tournament after suffering a 2-0 loss to Mizzou. Afterwards, the team's final record stood at 7-11-1.

Over the course of the season, the Pumas were in the middle of a great many close games. Overall, SJC scored 20 goals in 19 games while letting by only 25 to the opponents. The tightfisted defense was thanks in part to junior goalkeeper Heather

Budenz and her efficient 1.29 goals against average.

Senior Cathy Cox was the offensive powerhouse for the Lady Pumas. She led the team with seven goals and two assists (16 total points). Fellow senior Amanda Bailey added 3 key goals and 1 assist (7 total points), while sophomore Lindsay Bridwell put up 2 goals and 2 assists (6 total points). Much like T.J. Ward for the men, Cathy Cox garnered some honorable accolades throughout the season. She too was named the GLVC Player of the Week in mid-October. Likewise, Cox was named to the second team All-GLVC, the only Lady Puma to be recognized.

The women's team will be without four graduating seniors next fall. Kate Lizzi (Granger, IN), Shay McGuire (Greenwood, IN), Amanda Bailey (Evanston, IN), and Cathy Cox (Grafton, WI) all move on to greener pastures as alumni.

PUMA MEN'S BASKETBALL 2000-2001 HOME SCHEDULE

Come out and show your fan support for Dave Balza, Ken Carillo, Chris Highfield and the men's basketball team.

11/25 Calumet College (3:30pm)	1/9 East-West U. (7:30pm)	2/1 Southern Indiana (7:30pm)
11/27 Ferris State University (7:00pm)	1/11 Indianapolis (7:30pm)	2/3 SIU-Edwardsville (3:15pm)
12/9 IPFW (3:15pm)	1/13 Northern Kentucky (3:15pm)	2/22 Lewis University (7:30pm)
1/6 Kentucky Wesleyan (3:15pm)	1/18 U. Missouri-St. Louis (7:30pm)	2/24 Wisconsin-Parkside (3:15pm)
	1/20 Quincy (3:15pm)	

LADY PUMA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2000-2001 HOME SCHEDULE

Catch every home women's basketball game right across campus at the Richard Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse.

12/9 IPFW (1:00pm)	1/13 Northern Kentucky (1:00pm)	2/3 SIU-Edwardsville (1:00pm)
1/6 Kentucky Wesleyan (1:00pm)	1/18 U. Missouri-St. Louis (5:30pm)	2/22 Lewis University (5:30pm)
1/11 Indianapolis (5:30pm)	1/20 Quincy (1:00pm)	2/24 Wisconsin-Parkside (1:00pm)
	2/2 Southern Indiana (5:30pm)	

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Sunday
3:30 & 6:30

Monday-Thursday
6:30

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Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see my stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

1923

The Thanksgiving Special

The night was dark just like I remember.
The rain showered cold, it was November.
Everyone was sleeping peacefully, without a care,
Except for the turkeys, who were getting very scared.
Dreams of death and destruction in their little turkey heads,
Incisors, meat cleavers, and turkey with bread.
They dreamed this because Thanksgiving was near,
And all they felt was a mountain of fear.
In a few short days all the turkeys will be dead,
The farmers will come and say, "off with their heads!"
Not prolonging the inevitable, the day finally came.
The farmer was grinning, as he walked to the barn.
Today there will be no peace, not on this turkey farm.

Nate Bowers

...?Did You Know?...

The Importance of Pork...

In the old days, sea captains kept pigs on board because they believed, should they be shipwrecked, pigs always swam toward the nearest shore.

The pig is rated the fourth most intelligent animal. Pigs are part of the order artiodactyla (even toed, hoofed animals). There are more than 180 species of pigs, found on every continent except

Antarctica. They come in just about any size and colour, have an average lifespan of 20 years and litters from 2 to 12 piglets.

Pigs are often thought to be dirty, but actually keep themselves cleaner than most pets. They are seen laying in mud because they do not have sweat glands and constantly need water or mud to cool off.

"During the War of 1812, a New York pork packer named Uncle Sam Wilson shipped a boatload of sev-

eral hundred barrels of pork to U.S. troops. Each barrel was stamped 'U.S.' On the docks, it quickly became bantered about that the 'U.S.' stood for 'Uncle Sam,' whose large pork shipment looked to be enough to feed the entire army. Thus did 'Uncle Sam' come to represent the US Government itself." Thus according to the US National Pork Producers



Council.

Pork is big business: it is the world's most widely-eaten meat. It therefore is rather apt that pigs are responsible for the naming of one of the world's leading financial centres. To stop free-roaming pigs ram-paging through their grain fields, Manhattan Island residents built a long wall on the northern edge of what is now Lower Manhattan. The street that came to board the wall was named... Wall Street.

~info by didyouknow.com

Puma Entertainment Quick Picks

by Don Shanahan

Movies Coming to Theaters November 17th

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas- From director Ron Howard, the classic children's book and animated tale comes to life with an incredibly unrecognizable Jim Carrey underneath makeup as "The Grinch."

Bounce- A successful young businessman (Ben Affleck) is mysteriously drawn to a young single widow (Gwyneth Paltrow).

The Sixth Day- In the not-too-distant future, where illegal human cloning has been achieved, a family man (Arnold Schwarzenegger) discovers he has been replaced by his own clone and fights to get his life back.

Movies Coming to Theaters on Thanksgiving Wednesday November 22nd

Unbreakable- Bruce Willis reteams with Samuel L. Jackson, and also the writer and director of *The Sixth Sense*, for another mysterious and creepy thriller, this time following the sole survivor of a deadly subway accident and his purpose in life.

102 Dalmatians- The sequel to Disney's live action remake of those pesky spotted puppies and the sinister Cruella DeVile.

Video/DVD Releases for November 21st

Gladiator- Russell Crowe is Maximus, the highest army general of 180 A.D. Rome who returns from banishment to seek revenge against the young pompous emperor (Joaquim Phoenix) who had his family killed.

X-Men- Based on the popular comic book, a group of young outcasts with strange mutated genes and powers must stand up to supervillians of their own kind and a society that hates them. Starring Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry, Hugh Jackman, and Ian McKellen.

Chicken Run- Claymation action/adventure starring chickens trapped in a farm who are taught by a hotshot newcomer to fly out of their captivity or face becoming chicken pie.

Video/DVD Releases for November 28th

The Replacements- Loosely and comically based on the 1987 NFL players strike, the Washington Sentinels band together rag-tag replacement players to finish the season. Gene Hackman is the coach and Keanu Reeves is the quarterback captain. Keep an eye out for The 7-Up Guy (Orlando Jones), Big Worm from *Friday* (Faison Love), John Favreau from *Swingers*, Goldmouth from *Life* (Michael Bear Taliferro), and icky roommate Spike from *Notting Hill* (Rhys Ifans)

CD releases for November 21st

Tim McGraw: *Greatest Hits*
Everclear: *Songs From an American Movie Vol 2—Good Time for a Bad Attitude*

Backstreet Boys: *Black and Blue*
Erykah Badu: *Mama's Gun*
Nine Inch Nails: *Things Falling Apart*
Oasis: *Familiar to Millions*

CD releases for November 28th

Master P: *Ghetto Postage*